to extend TV service to the uncovered parts of the country including those in Panchamahal district as expeditiously as possible, depending upon the availability of resources for the purpose.

Financial Implications of Right to Work

492. SHRI JITENDRABHAI LABHSHANKER BHATT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the 'Deccan Herald' of the 6th October, 1990 under the action 'Right to Work' costly solution to unemployment;

(b) whether it is a fact that the cost of 'Right to work' is beyond the able to take Right capacity of Government and the economy would not be to Work as a Fundamental Right and it is not a workable solution to unemployment; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) In pursuance of the decision taken at the meeting of National Development Council, a Committee has been set up to examine the legal, operational, organisational and financial aspects of the approach for achieving the goal of right to work.

Assam Cadre I.A.S. Officers with Central Government

493. SHRI BHADRESHWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state what is the number of I.A.S. officers of Assam Cadre presently serving with the Central Government with details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): There are 33 IAS Officers borne on the Joint Cadre of Assam-Meghalaya presently serving with the Central Government, as per the details given below:—

(i) Secretary/Secretary equivalent	
(ii) Addl. Secretary/Addl. Secretary equivalent	4
(iii) Joint Secretary/Joint Secretary equivalent	12
(iv) Director/Director equivalent	5
(v) Deputy Secretary/Deputy Secretary equivalent	9
(vi) Under Secretary/Under Secretary equivalanent	2

Proposals for Doordarshan Serials

494. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Doordarshan has invited proposals from the producers of TV serials;

(b) if so, what is the number of applications received in response to the advertisement;

(c) what are the guidelines to select these programmes;

(d) whether there are any selection committees set up for this purpose; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to Doordarshan, 3516 proposals for sponsored TV serials within the due date for receipt of applications have been received.

(c) The guidelines for approval of proposals are indicated in the Statement (*See* below).

(d) and (e) All these proposals will be placed, programme category-wise, before the Committee of Experts including non-officials appointed by the Government.

Statement

Guidelines for Approval of Sponsored Programmes

The proposals for sponsored TV serials received which are complete in all respects, will be divided into separate categories subject-wise and will be placed before the Selection Committee with clear indication about Doordarshan's requirement over a period of time for sponsored programmes on each particular theme and subject to enable it to select the required number of proposals in each category. The committee will endeavour to approve programmes which propagate high social values combined with wholesome entertainment. In particular, preference will be given to programmes which:

(a) promote good socio-cultural values;

(b) seek to inculcate in the viewers equal respect for different religions, languages, schools of thought, cultures etc.; promote national integration and uphold the values enshrined in the Constitution of India;

(c) project fairly the rich cultural diversity of the country;

(d) promote the welfare of the weeker sections of the society and reflect the life of the people in India;

(e) promote healthy respect for the place of women in our society and highlight the aspirations and problems of the youth; and

(f) seek to promote a scientific temper amongst the viewers.

The Selection Committee will also ensure that the guidelines prescribed by the Government for certification of films for public exhibition by the Central Board of Film Certification are strictly observed in the matter of assessment of the suitability of the proposed TV programmes.

Declaration of Assam as Disturbed Area

495. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what were the conditions that prevailed upon the Central Government to declare the entire State of Assam as disturbed area;

(b) whether there was any abnormal situation in all the districts; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) The Secessionist and militant activity had increased in the State of Assam. There was large violence, extortion, kidnapping and murder leading to a reign of terror in the entire State.

Army Personnel Killed in Assam

496. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 150 Army personnel were killed during the operation Bajrang in Assam; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE